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AMENDMENT C WITH

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Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Official Action mailed

Dear Sir:

January 3, 2003. A Request for Continued Examination accompanies this Amendment.

00000005 Rigase amends the Application as follows: 04/09/2003 TDAWKINS

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 2, 3, 11, 12 and 13 to read as follows:

(Twice Amended) A semiconductor device comprising:

a semiconductor substrate;

a gate insulation film formed on said semiconductor substrate;

a gate electrode formed on said gate insulation film and having a portion increasing

upward in the length along a gate length direction, said gate electrode further having a visor

portion;

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